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## MEETING SUMMARY

March 31, 2015

Jim Ake opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

### *Mayor Cook Q&A*

Street crews have started crack-sealing in neighborhoods.

Henry had a question about the towers and the indoor arena. David Rubin (from LAND COLLECTIVE) suggested putting the towers on hold. Will use an international design contest to find a winner. The Grand Junction Task Group will handle opening the contest up. Indoor soccer building is ready to begin construction following ruling in the courts. There is a 30 days appeal period available to the plaintiff. Soccer people are already booking it. Would like to open in June 2016.

RFRA – could have an impact. It's killing our state right now. Hopefully the legislature will do something.

Basketball / volleyball – That's coming along fine. Have run into some extra costs, but that happens. That is a completely private venture. They are telling our people they are ready to proceed. Cambria is ready to file their design plan and expect to start construction this spring.

Towers – can they be situated such that people can stop and enjoy it? Not on a highway?

*Mike Lee – Westfield in Bloom*

Mike discussed what Westfield in Bloom does (Voices from the Past, judging entryways for HOA's, etc). Mike is with Plant-a-Row. Wants people to take produce from one of the rows they plant and give it to the needy. Last year, they had 2,800lbs that they gave to agencies. We need more people. Need more volunteers. Mike left thumb drives for people to take. There are plots behind the church that people can use. Ted suggested people plant in City properties or property owned by the schools.

*Metronet update – Jim Ake*

City granted them the encroachment permit last week. Should start installation within the next week. Still estimating 18-24 months on the build-out. Some people should have service by the end of this year. Beginning May 1 they will lower 1Gig speed to 99.95. That was based on feedback they got from the residents. Metronetinc.com/westfield has had 600 families sign up for further information.

*Grand Junction Plaza – Jim Ake*

Jim gave a presentation regarding Grand Junction and its future for Westfield.

The mayor showed copies of the Grand Junction Plaza book and discussed the history and purpose of Grand Junction project.

In nine months, it will end up with a set of bid documents. It's estimated right now to be a \$25M project. Have already invested money into downtown: trails, Union Street Flats, etc. Have used the asset of our downtown waterway. There's some unique topography downtown. We have purchased the land – about 10 acres of land that we have assembled.

To view the presentation, including videos of David Rubin, [click here](#).

To view a copy of the Grand Junction Plaza book, [click here](#).

*Larry Clarino – Oak Manor HOA*

Larry is on board of directors. 269 lots. Completely sold out. Developer has commitments on every lot. \$400K-\$800K prices for homes. Average is \$400K-\$550K. Biggest challenge is communication: using some things they used from Brookside to communicate.

Other items

Kristen – Woodwinds Golf Club. 900 signatures on petition to save Woodwind. Is trying to gather support to talk to the developers so they will re-envision their plan. There is a lease agreement for the course, a management group that runs the course. They are operating the course. There are no financial issues with the course, but the owners would like to liquidate their assets. People can sign up and she will send them the link to the electronic petition. It is our only public course.

**NOTE: Next month will meet at the library.**

**May meeting will meet May 19<sup>th</sup> (one week earlier due to Memorial Day Holiday).**

Jim Ake concluded the meeting at 8:30 p.m.